

# Selected Resources for People With Low Vision

The selected resources included in this list may help individuals with visual impairments make the most of remaining sight. This list provides examples of available resources, and we welcome suggestions for additions. These resources may also be able to refer you to services in your area. Inclusion in this list does not imply endorsement by the National Eye Institute or the National Institutes of Health.

## General Information

### **American Academy of Ophthalmology**

P.O. Box 7424

San Francisco, CA 94120-7424

(415) 561-8500

[www.eyenet.org](http://www.eyenet.org)

- Provides brochures on low vision and other eye problems.

### **American Council of the Blind**

1155 15th Street, NW., Suite 1004

Washington, DC 20005

1-800-424-8666

(202) 467-5081

[ncrabb@access.digex.net](mailto:ncrabb@access.digex.net)

[www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org)

- Offers a wide variety of services to visually impaired persons with emphasis on employment opportunities. Publishes *Braille Forum*.

### **American Foundation for the Blind**

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300

New York, NY 10001

1-800-232-5463

(212) 502-7600

[afbinfo@afb.org](mailto:afbinfo@afb.org)

[www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

- Offers consultation services to eye care, rehabilitation, and education professionals. Serves as a national clearinghouse for information about blindness and visual impairment. Provides referrals to low vision centers. Maintains regional offices throughout the country.

### Regional Offices:

(404) 525-2303 — Atlanta, GA

(312) 396-4420 — Chicago, IL

(214) 352-7222 — Dallas, TX

(212) 502-7657 — New York, NY

(415) 392-4845 — San Francisco, CA

(202) 408-0200 — Washington, DC

### **American Optometric Association**

243 Lindbergh Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63141

(314) 991-4100

[AmOptNEWS@aol.com](mailto:AmOptNEWS@aol.com)

[www.aoanet.org](http://www.aoanet.org)

- Provides brochures on low vision and other eye problems.

### **Associated Services for the Blind**

919 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor

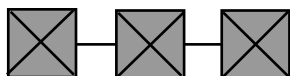
Philadelphia, PA 19107

(215) 627-0600

[asbinfo@asb.org](mailto:asbinfo@asb.org)

[www.asb.org](http://www.asb.org)

- Offers personal adjustment to blindness training and orientation and mobility training. Provides materials in braille. Offers computer training using adaptive devices. Provides subscriptions (for a nominal fee) to magazines such as *Family Circle*, *Fortune*, *Smithsonian*, *Science News*, and others.



### **Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired**

4600 Duke Street, Suite 430

P.O. Box 22397

Alexandria, VA 22304

1-877-492-2708

(703) 823-9690

[www.aerbvi.org](http://www.aerbvi.org)

- Includes educators, rehabilitators, administrators, parents, and houseparents of blind children; agencies, schools, and others interested in the education, guidance, vocational rehabilitation, or occupational placement of the blind and partially sighted. Cooperates with colleges and universities in conferences and workshops. Presents awards, conducts certification programs, and maintains job exchange services. Works with state, provincial, and national governments on legislation affecting services to blind and visually impaired individuals.

### **Council of Citizens with Low Vision International**

1155 15th Street, NW., Suite 1004

Washington, DC 20005

1-800-733-2258

[www.cclv.org](http://www.cclv.org)

- Serves as an advocacy group for the visually impaired. Provides information on low vision technology. Offers a scholarship. Publishes *CCLV News*.

### **Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind**

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U.S. Department of Education

Rehabilitation Services Administration

330 C Street, SW., Room 3327

Washington, DC 20202-2741

(202) 205-9320

- Provides training in skills of routine daily living, travel, communication, provision of adaptive devices, low vision services, family and peer counseling, and community integration such as outreach and information and referral. Funded through Title VII, Chapter 2, of the Rehabilitation Act. Programs are available in every state and accessible through each state agency for the blind.

### **Lighthouse International**

111 East 59th Street

New York, NY 10022

1-800-334-5497

1-800-829-0500

(212) 821-9200

(212) 821-9713 (TDD)

[jjenkins@lighthouse.org](mailto:jjenkins@lighthouse.org)

[www.lighthouse.org](http://www.lighthouse.org)

- Offers a comprehensive selection of large print materials, talking products, and related specialty items for people with visual impairments. (Aids and devices are available through catalog sales or by visiting a store located in Manhattan.) Serves as a national clearinghouse for information on vision and aging. Provides information on the developmental needs of children with visual impairments.

### **Low Vision Council**

111 East 59th Street, 12th Floor

New York, NY 10022-1202

(212) 821-9790

[www.lowvisioncouncil.org](http://www.lowvisioncouncil.org)

- Works to raise awareness of low vision rehabilitation among eye care providers, as well as visually impaired consumers and their caregivers.

### **National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments, Inc.**

P.O. Box 317

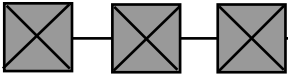
Watertown, MA 02471-0317

1-800-562-6265

(617) 972-7441

[www.spedex.com/NAPVI/index.htm](http://www.spedex.com/NAPVI/index.htm)

- Offers emotional support for parents of blind or visually impaired children. Provides information, training and assistance, and help in understanding and using available resources. Publishes *Awareness*, a quarterly newsletter.



### **National Association for the Visually Handicapped**

22 West 21st Street, 6th Floor

New York, NY 10010

(212) 889-3141

[www.navh.org](http://www.navh.org)

- Serves as a clearinghouse for information about all services available to the partially sighted from public and private sources. Conducts self-help groups. Provides information on large print books, textbooks, and educational tools.

### **National Federation for the Blind**

1800 Johnson Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

(410) 659-9314

[info@nfb.org](mailto:info@nfb.org)

[www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)

- Provides a wide variety of services to visually impaired people. Publishes *Braille Monitor* and *Future Reflections*. Distributes a catalog of publications available in large print, braille, or audiocassette, and a catalog of aids and appliances.

### **Resources for Rehabilitation**

33 Bedford Street, Suite 19A

Lexington, MA 02420

(781) 862-6455

[info@rfr.org](mailto:info@rfr.org)

[www.rfr.org](http://www.rfr.org)

- Offers training programs for public and professionals on coping with low vision. Distributes materials on coping with low vision.

### **Vision Community Services, a Division of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind**

23A Elm Street

Watertown, MA 02472

1-800-852-3029 (Massachusetts only)

(617) 926-4232

[www.mablind.org](http://www.mablind.org)

- Provides resources locally, nationally, and internationally to consumers, their families, and health care professionals. Offers a wide variety of cooking equipment and recreational and household items, all of which are specially designed or adapted for use by people with vision loss. A catalog of these assistive devices is available in large print and on audiocassette and on computer disk.

### **VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

500 Greenwich Street, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10013-1354

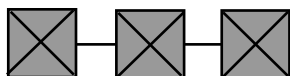
1-888-245-8333

(212) 625-1616

[Info@visionsvcb.org](mailto:Info@visionsvcb.org)

[www.visionsvcb.org](http://www.visionsvcb.org)

- Offers free services to adults over age 55 and teens with severe vision problems. Services include self-help study kits, counseling, vision rehabilitation training, consumer workshops, and an information center. Provides volunteer and overnight camp services for blind and visually impaired adults and elders and parents of blind children.



### Print and Audio Materials

#### **National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Library of Congress  
1291 Taylor Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
1-800-424-8567  
(202) 707-5100

nls@loc.gov

www.loc.gov/nls

- Provides free library service to individuals with visual impairments. Offers braille and large print materials and recorded books and periodicals.

#### **American Printing House for the Blind, Inc.**

1839 Frankfort Avenue  
P.O. Box 6085  
Louisville, KY 40206-0085  
1-800-223-1839  
(502) 895-2405

www.aph.org

- Provides free subscriptions to *Reader's Digest*, *Newsweek*, and other magazines on disposable audiocassettes. Provides *Reader's Digest* in braille.

#### **Braille Circulating Library, Inc.**

2700 Stuart Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23220  
(804) 359-3743

www.careministries.org/bcl.html

- Loans braille materials, talking books, audiocassettes, and large print Christian materials.

#### **Choice Magazine Listening**

85 Channel Drive  
Port Washington, NY 11050  
(516) 883-8280

www.choicemagazinelistening.org

- Offers selected articles from popular print magazines on special-speed, four-track audiocassette, six times each year. Free service nationwide.

#### **Christian Record Services, Inc.**

4444 South 52nd Street  
Lincoln, NE 68516  
(402) 488-0981

- Provides a lending library of books in braille and large print materials, disks, and cassette tapes.

#### **Jewish Braille Institute of America**

110 East 30th Street  
New York, NY 10016  
(212) 889-2525

www.jbibrary.org

- Provides talking books, braille and large-print books, a circulating library, and a public education program. Offers counseling and referrals to low vision care in the United States.

#### **John Milton Society for the Blind**

475 Riverside Drive, Room 455  
New York, NY 10115  
(212) 870-3335

- Provides free Christian literature in braille, on audiocassette, and in large type.

#### **New York Times/Large Type Weekly**

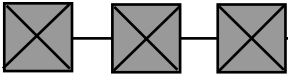
229 West 43rd Street  
New York, NY 10036  
1-800-631-2580  
(212) 556-1234

- Offers subscriptions to the *New York Times*.

#### **Reader's Digest Large Type Publications**

P.O. Box 241  
Mount Morris, IL 61054  
1-800-431-1246  
(815) 734-6963

- Offers subscriptions to *Reader's Digest* in large type.



### **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic—Headquarters**

The Anne T. MacDonald Center  
20 Roszel Road  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
1-800-221-4792  
(609) 452-0606  
[www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org)

- Provides free cassette tapes, textbooks for students, and materials needed for occupational pursuits.

Recording for the Blind Regional Offices:

(650) 493-3717 — California  
(212) 557-5720 — New York

### **Time Magazine Large Edition**

P.O. Box 64436  
Tampa, FL 33664-4436  
1-800-843-8463

- Offers subscriptions to the large print weekly edition of *Time*.

### **Xavier Society for the Blind**

154 East 23rd Street  
New York, NY 10010-4595  
(212) 473-7800

- Serves as the National Catholic Press and Lending Library for the visually impaired.

### **Employment**

#### **Job Opportunities for the Blind**

### **National Federation of the Blind**

1800 Johnson Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 659-9314

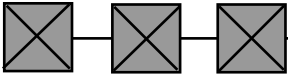
[www.nfb.org/jobpaths.htm](http://www.nfb.org/jobpaths.htm)

- Works with agencies and the blind people they serve to provide a cost-effective pathway to jobs with good earnings and benefits.

### **Blinded Veterans Association**

477 H Street, NW.  
Washington, DC 20001  
1-800-669-7079  
(202) 371-8880  
[www.bva.org](http://www.bva.org)

- Links veterans with services, rehabilitation training, and other benefits and helps them find jobs. Offers spouses and dependent children of blinded veterans a chance to continue their education through the Kathern F. Gruber Scholarship Program.



### Directories

***Directory of Programs and Services for Older Adults with Impaired Vision (1996)***

Lighthouse International  
111 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
1-800-334-5497  
(212) 821-9200  
[www.lighthouse.org](http://www.lighthouse.org)

***Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the United States and Canada, 26th edition (2001)***

American Foundation for the Blind  
11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300  
New York, NY 10001  
1-800-232-3044  
[afbinfo@afb.org](mailto:afbinfo@afb.org)  
[www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

***Living with Low Vision: A Resource Guide for People with Sight Loss, 5th edition (1998)***

Resources for Rehabilitation  
33 Bedford Street, Suite 19A  
Lexington, MA 02420  
(781) 862-6455  
[info@rfr.org](mailto:info@rfr.org)  
[www.rfr.org](http://www.rfr.org)

***Rehabilitation Resource Manual: VISION, 4th edition (1993)***

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33 Bedford Street, Suite 19A  
Lexington, MA 02420  
(617) 862-6455  
[info@rfr.org](mailto:info@rfr.org)  
[www.rfr.org](http://www.rfr.org)